

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee  
Monthly Conference Call**

3/27/19

Call Notes – Final

Call in number: 202-991-0477, Pass Code 6135015

Roll call:

**Tribes**

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Dustin Roy, White Earth
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Ryan Evans, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Brittani Claremont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Ivan Crow Eagle, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

***Reported in advance as absent:***

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

**EPA**

- Peter Earley, EPA/Region 9
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/ OCSPP
- Carol Galloway, EPA/OECA

**Other**

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

**1. Welcome/Introductions (00:00 - 00:10)**

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 11 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

**2. EPA Updates (Emily, Carol, Peter, Amanda, et. al.) (00:10 - 00:30)**

Emily – OPP will be offering C&T webinars for tribes on April 11 and 18. More information to follow.

Carol – OECA has no updates since we last met earlier this month.

Amanda – OCSPP is working on early engagement for the C&T rule. They may add on a third webinar after April 18. Fred, Amanda, Emily and NTTC are preparing for the NTOC for the week of April 11. On April 9 Fred and Diane Barton, Chair of NTTC and Gerald Wagner will talk about OPP tribal programs. Collaborations, great opportunities, challenges, tribal risk assessments, Direct Implementation /budget. April 10 is NTC. Thursday April 11 there is a meeting with NTC and will talk about early engagement on the C&T Rule. Will talk about the TPPC work and program office work.

Fred and Amanda went to the NTTC meeting in Washington last week. They visited a few sites 1) mill site for paper production and chemical exposures are still occurring through waters; 2) sacred sites with remains of tribal members which have been disturbed, and how the tribes worked to preserve the remains and artifacts. Worked through the conceptual models discussed at TPPC. Will be working on a TSCA process for tribal exposures and look forward to continuing effort with TPPC. Mike Metzger from EPA/HED had conversations with Emily and Amanda about a pilot for a case study. Will report back on that soon. Fred added that he is optimistic that they have been asking EPA to institutionalize that they include tribes in their exposure assessments, He thinks they are now right on the verge of that happening with OCSPP and OPPT and this is promising. They have been going through various exposure assessment models and having in-depth talks and are moving in the right direction.

Fred asked if they EPA was starting up the round for NPM guidance and what's the timeline for engaging with the tribes? Amanda said they are drafting correspondence for that and thinks it's the week of April 15 (two sessions). Amanda will share correspondence with the TPPC about this. We will want to develop comments and submit on behalf of the TPPC. Look at old docs and capture thoughts from that as a starting place. Some of the previous comments may jumpstart the process this for the next round.

Action item: Bob and Suzanne to collaborate on budget and time to submit comments.

Action item: Amanda to ask about the handout on the risk assessment divisions and send to Suzanne for distribution.

### 3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:30 - 00:50)

#### a) March 2019 meeting

- Shared the draft notes with edits due back April 5.
- UCDE is working on getting the presentation files, handouts, and images uploaded to the website. Should be done the first week in April.
- We only received half of the evaluations from the recent meeting. Suzanne sent out a reminder but didn't receive any additional ones.
- UCDE is still waiting for two travel vouchers form March meeting attendees. Payment for the others is in progress.
- UCDE did an email follow-up on the request for anecdotes for the NASDA letter requested by 3/25. Suzanne received only one response. She sent out another reminder today and gave folks until the end of this week to reply.

Action item: Suzanne to extend deadline to 3/29.

Action item: Emily will check with Cindy on the PREP funding type.

#### b) Fall 2019 meeting planning

The Yakama Nation will host the fall 2019 meeting. It's expanded to Tuesday-Friday, October 8-11, 2019. The hotel confirmed availability and we are moving ahead with the logistics (rooms block and catering).

- o This meeting will have a TPPC election associated with it so we cannot hold the Executive Committee meeting for the end of the week. That is because those folks are planning travel well in advance of the election.
- o Full Council Meeting: Tues-Wed, October 8-9, 2019
- o Executive Committee Meeting: Tues or Wed eve October 8 or 9, 2019.
- o Risk Communication training with National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): Thurs, October 10, 2019.
- o Half-day tour of Yakama Nation (optional): Fri, October 11, 2019.

Joe is working on getting a tour set up at the tribal farm and the closed area (closed to the public, tribal-member-only-access.) He might be able to get tribal passes and view the timber and fires they have had and restoration work they have done. The groups agreed this would be an amazing opportunity to visit.

Amanda added that we might want to think about educational aspects and to invite OPP management to come out and learn. She suggested we prepare an agenda early and invite Rick and Alex. Joe said he could find more than a few growers to give tours of farms. They have organic growers as well. Amanda to begin advocating for EPA attendance by HQ members.

**4. Status of Offer of Additional Information to EPA Inspector General (Fred) (00:50 – 00:55)**

Fred apologized that he overlooked the action item to draft something to send to OIG and will send to Bob Gruenig by 4/1/19. Fred will share with the TPPC before it goes to OIG.

**5. TPPC Pollinator Workgroup Expanded Discussion (Jasmine, Jim, et. al.) (00:55 – 01:10)**

A report wasn't available as none of the members were on the call.

**6. Smithsonian Suitland Potential Visit (Diania) (01:10 – 01:25)**

A proposal was made at the March meeting that the TPPC visit the Smithsonian museum. The TPPC visited this in the past. Fred stated that the museum contains tribal material and serves as a repository. He believes there are pesticide issues associated with the artifacts and the facility. We want to revisit this to see if there is consensus of interest to attend again. We will talk about this on the April call when Diania will be present.

**7. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (Bob)**

Bob mentioned the larger discussion at the TPPC meeting and EPA and TPPC shared their ideas about it. The agreed date to publish is 9/1/19. Fred said that things are moving forward and to stay tuned for more information.

**8. TPPC Representative to PPDC (Fred) (01:25 – 01:45)**

Eric reported at the March meeting that his term on the PPDC has come to an end and he must step off after six years due to committee rules. Historically it's been the vice chair that assumed this liaison role. Fred thanked Eric for his service and that the TPPC will work to identify a representative.

**9. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:45 – 02:00)**

James Jackson brought up a question about grass fires, given that the grass had been treated with pesticides. What's the risk for inhalation for the firefighters? Not aware of the specific products applied. James could look at the possible applications and get a list of products. Suzanne suggested that James call the National pesticide Information Center once he has the list of products and they can offer more specific feedback.

**9. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 2-4 p.m. EDT)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TPPC Fall Meeting, Yakama Nation, October 8-11, 2019, Toppenish, WA